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Quarantine faces GI's back from POW camps

THE first break had come in the war that has lasted nearly three years, caused more destruction acre-for-acre, more death and suffering man-for-man, than any other in history.

By agreement of both sides, the seemingly endless confinement and separation from their families was to end next week for about one in every 20 of the war prisoners (5,800 of 132,000 held by UN, 600—including 120 Americans—of 11,559 held by the Chinese and N. Koreans). Actual exchange of the POW's—the sick and wounded under Geneva Convention definition—was to begin on Monday and be completed in 30 days.

In agreeing to the exchange April 1, China's Chou En-lai had offered compromises to speed a cease-fire by settling the whole POW issue. On the 14th the U.S. decided to agree to reopen truce talks, with Switzerland to be suggested as the neutral country to have jurisdiction—according to Chou's proposal—over POW's said to be unwilling to go home.

POW'S CENSORED: Eighth Army "regulations" imposed on the press concerning the reception of U.S. POW's, for which no direct explanation was offered, inspired speculation as to how eager the Pentagon really was to get U.S. prisoners back. Reporters in Korea were told they would "not be permitted to talk" to the POW's

> . . . except for those hand-picked by Army public information officers and those prisoners will have to be questioned in mass interviews. Reporters [were] forbidden to ride in ambulance trains . . . [would] not be admitted to the hospitals to which the prisoners are taken (N.Y. **World-Telegram**, 4/13).

"TORTURE OR DEATH": The tip-off seemed to have been given in Defense Dept. releases from Washington and in the initial announcement, on the day the exchange agreement was signed, that POW's could only be interviewed if "mentally and physically fit" (**UP**, 4/10). The Defense Dept.

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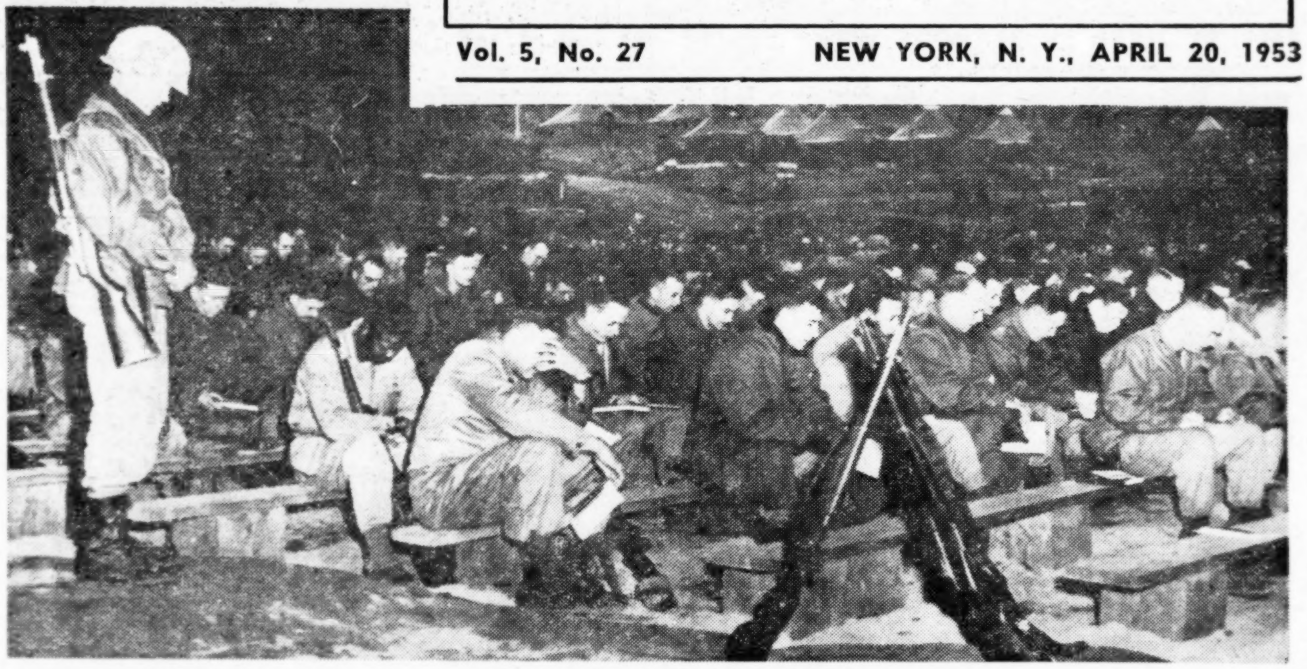


EASTER MORNING IN KOREA

At a Catholic service at sunrise 200 U.S. Marines pray for peace. With the prayers there must have been quickening thoughts of home—thoughts nourished by the success of the prisoner exchange and the hope of an early truce.

FASCISM STRIKES IN CHICAGO

FDR memorial smashed by DP's

By Cedric Belfrage

CHICAGO

APRIL 12, 1945, was the day Franklin D. Roosevelt died, as he was laying foundations for peaceful co-existence with the Soviet Union after Hitler's approaching defeat. In the midst of a broad Soviet initiative for peace which alarmed Wall St., the 1953 anniversary of the greatest President since Lincoln was awarded even deeper press oblivion than in previous cold-war years. But in Chicago, the Council of American-Soviet Friendship planned to commemorate Roosevelt at a meeting coupling his name with the U.S.S.R.'s Joseph Stalin with whom, after the Teheran conference in 1943, he announced himself "friends in fact, in spirit and in purpose."

The Sunday meeting was announced for 3 p.m. At 2:45 a nondescript army of some 150 men mainly in their forties moved up the sidewalk of W. Chicago Av. toward the People's Auditorium, carrying two-by-fours under their coats and signs reading "MURDER INC., MOSCOW INC.—SAME THING," "BLOODY RUSSIA WANTS PEACE—A PIECE OF AMERICA." The signs identified them as members of "Ukrainian Youth for Freedom" and "American Friends of the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations."

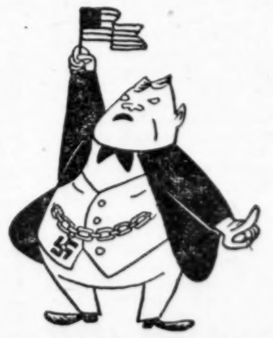
MOB AT WORK: There were few people on the avenue. Outside the hall there was one cop with another on the corner near a police car. Inside, some 35 persons (mainly women with a few children) of the 500-odd expected for the meeting had already arrived.

The "anti-Bolshevik" army reached the hall just as the three speakers who had come from New York to address the meeting—author-screenwriter John Howard Lawson, Civil Rights Congress head William L. Patterson, and GUARDIAN editor Cedric Belfrage—rolled up in two cars with Council officials. By the time the cars had circled the block once, to survey the situation and look for parking space, the entrance to the hall was blocked by a mass of "anti-Bolsheviks" and the vanguard of their army was already pouring inside. They set to work beating the early arrivals indiscriminately, driving them out through the rear entrance into an alley where murderous assaults continued on those who did not run fast enough.

The few men present fought the overwhelming mob as best they could; one of them managed in time to wrest from an attacker a chair which he was about to bring down with full force on the already bloody head of a white-haired man prostrate on the sidewalk.

DO NOT DISTURB: Meanwhile the attackers scooped up the books set out for sale in the hall, carried them out and made a bonfire on the avenue as cops looked on. The book-burning followed the precedent they had learned in a thorough school—in Hitler's Germany. The attackers were "displaced persons" left in Germany after the war, who had fought for or collaborated with the Nazis and been admitted to the U.S. under the McCarran Act which makes a fascist background a high commendation.

How recently they had come from Europe was abundantly indicated; in the shouting, screaming crowd of over 1,000 that converged on the hall within minutes of the first attackers' arrival, hardly a word of any language except Russian, Polish and Ukrainian could be heard.



ARRESTED BUT "LOST": Within two or three minutes scores of cops, with 30 police vehicles and a number of newsmen, had also arrived; their attitude toward the DP's was one of open approval of their assault and destruction. In one gesture of law-upholding they shoved a group of DP's, screaming Ukrainian maledictions, into a paddy-wagon; the cops listened, smiled, then opened the doors and let them out again. (The Chicago **Tribune** reported next day: "The crowd surged in and the police lost their prisoners.")

Above the Russian-Ukrainian babel a man in the crowd, who had been

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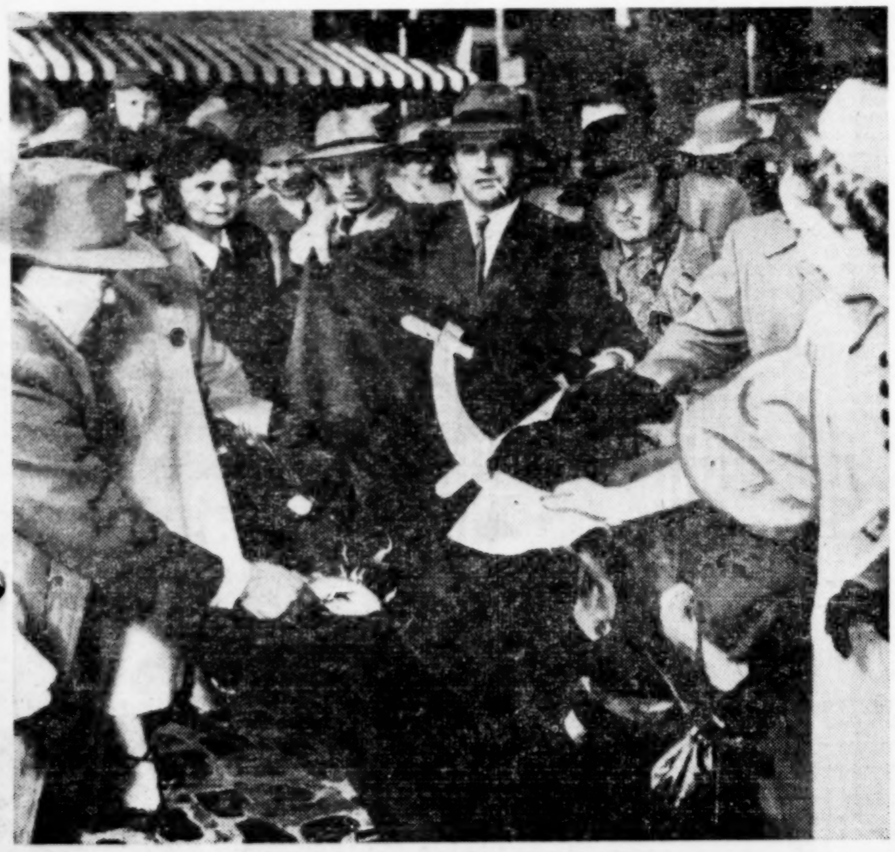

FIRST A FLAG, THEN THE BOOKS

In the street outside the wrecked meeting hall in Chicago these rioters, with hate-filled faces, burn a Soviet flag. Later they made a bonfire of books by American authors found in all public libraries.

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THE MAIL BAG

A seat for Syngman

NEW YORK, N. Y.

One thing (as the speechmakers say) is certain. There is no future in Korea for our good friend Dr. Syngman Rhee, no matter how the situation works out.

Something is clearly going to have to be done with the person of Dr. Rhee, and as a humane enterprise I invite suggestions from GUARDIAN readers.

Isn't the job of president of Columbia University open?

Omnium Gatherum

Sorry, Grayson Kirk got the nod at Columbia recently. But there's a job open at Harvard, now that President Conant is manning our first line of defense on the Rhine as High Commissioner to Germany. Ed.

We'll buy that

RANSOMVILLE, N. C.

The idea of pie in the sky by and by makes me kind of hungry. I sort of think we should love one another here, and have our pie here.

Peace and creation are just naturally a better investment than war and destruction. We have been paying the price of heaven to get hell; isn't heaven a better buy?

Vernon Ward

Where life is . . .

CHICAGO, ILL.

I am sending you excerpts from a letter recently received from a young man who was, before being drafted, a highly-gifted leader in Chicago community work and a dedicated GUARDIAN builder:

"I am, of course, in the Infantry—a light weapons company, and as a rifleman I must learn to use a bayonet and rifle for the obvious purpose of human destruction. On my shoulder I carry my rifle but in my combat pack I carry a copy of Hamlet and a book by the old John Steinbeck (Grapes of Wrath).

"Most important, however, I notice the hundreds of young men—healthy, dignified and very human, who are disgusted with the idea of death and obedience, only wishing to live their lives in happiness and peace—a farm boy from Missouri on my left and a young auto worker on my right with a teacher in the middle.

"Through this I remember the words of Sean O'Casey: 'The artist's place is to be where life is, active life, found in neither ivory tower nor concrete shelter. . . .'

"My buddies call me professor and a few who have had sparse education have asked me to teach them. They are now giving up about 2 hours of their 7 sleeping ones to be taught public speaking and literature—here in the barracks. Most of them are in the 20-year-old bracket. . . .

"Yours for peace."

GUARDIAN readers might be encouraged to know that even under the brutalizing conditions of U.S. mlitiary life, those who believe in peace and in a better world can be an exemplary influence.

O. C. M.

How crazy can you get dept.

LAS VEGAS, Nev., April 8—Atomic bomb attacks on our cities would place new responsibilities on the lingerie industry at every level, it was revealed during a discussion of thermal radiation effects here by a group of the world's foremost authorities on atomic weapons. . . . Strapless and sleveless designs will have to be eliminated, as well as designs with tight fitting sections. . . . At least one scientist thinks slips with loose, made-in panties "like the split drawers Grandma used to wear" would be needed to afford the fullest protection.

—Women's Wear Daily, Apr. 9.

One-year free sub to sender of each item published under this heading. Winner: Irving Isaacson, New York City.

Super-probe

ALISO VILLAGE, CALIF.

Item: "Rep. R. L. F. Sikes (D-Fla.) urges the creation of a congressional investigating committee to investigate all other congressional investigating committees.")

In reference to the item mentioned above,
I think it to be the crux of the plan:
The proposed investigation of
McCarthy, the Noise of America man.

Hedy Sibling

Peace—in deed

E. PEPPERELL, MASS.

It has long been my opinion that the Soviet policies were not always as wise as they might have been. Whether Stalin was responsible or not I don't know, but the recent changes since his death, with their repercussions here—particularly in the stock market—confirm me in my opinion.

For long-range policy I think the most powerful force in the world is the power of a good example, whether as an individual or a nation. Of course there are occasions—such as in Spain where the government was attacked by Franco—where the only thing to do is to take off the kid gloves and fight with bare knuckles. But it was my opinion at the start of the war in Korea—and it is still my opinion although I am against everything the U.S. has done there—that if the N. Koreans had stopped fighting when the UN asked them to, regardless of who started it, they would have been much better off than they are now. I know tempers are not always controllable and I don't blame them for what they have done. I blame the U.S.

Anyway, I certainly hope the present trend continues. For the more the socialist world actually proves its love for peace in deeds—deeds that the U.S. press cannot help but mention—the more our maniacs here will be getting into hot water.

Al Amery

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Where Pilgrims cried

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—Advt., N. Y. Times, Apr. 5, 1953.

Come up to Shady Nook, folks,
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Come join with us in fun and games;
We play (and play to win).
You'll learn our favorite camping song:
"Am not, have never been."

Come up to Shady Nook, folks;
The ocean breeze is rare.
No slightest breath of liberty
Contaminates the air.

Jessica Davidson

What happened in Sidney

SIDNEY, OHIO

I am a union organizer, usually working and living in small towns away from where the "news" is made. I look forward to the GUARDIAN every week with an eagerness, since it brings me news of what is going on in other cities and towns for the progressive movement in America. Your contribution to the progressive movement and to the fighting spirit of Americans has been a great and magnificent one—and in me you have not only an ardent reader, but an ardent booster and supporter. A year ago when I came to Sidney there were no GUARDIAN readers. There are five now, and many more possibilities if I just get the time to "hog tie" the people down and get their $2 from them.

Mary C. Whitehead

The stumbling block

KINTYRE, N. D.

We have read for a long while about an approaching crisis between the West and communist-ruled countries. We are familiar with the words "Cold War" without really knowing what it is.

I think it was just a year ago that Russia had a convention inviting free and unfettered international commerce. I know that the West can get no concession on mining, timber or other natural resources to exploit Russian labor, as England did in pre-war Poland, where the English owned great stretches of land which the Polish people worked for subsistence. Now this great embargo—nothing to or from Russia—how can it be a crisis when the West is the instigator and advocate of the embargo? The Russians have made an official bid for good will and trade.

I like the GUARDIAN and suggest that an article be written on the whys and wherefores of existing economic stalemates between East and West. Lots of subscribers would welcome it. I bet many are as dumb on the subject as I am.

Thorvald Siem

Look, no heads!

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

There are two excellent words in the dictionary that aptly describe these: Acephala, shellfish, such (free enterprise) and they are these: Acaphala, shellfish, such as the oyster, having no distinct head; Acephali, a fabled race of old, described as lacking heads.

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REPORT TO READERS

The local touch

EARLIER IN THE YEAR, the GUARDIAN had to cut off many subscribers whose renewals were too long overdue.

We felt that many (probably most!) of these cut-offs would respond to a local approach where they did not renew via our mail appeals.

So we set about trying to find our friends all over the country, as individuals or in groups, who would tackle the job.

So we've written many, many letters to friends and supporters everywhere. And the results are very good, although nowhere near complete for all 48 states. (And we shouldn't forget Canada and Hawaii. Our per capita circulation and support there are amazing!)

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THIS WEEK we'd like to give you a fill-in report on what's been going on—with much more such good news to come, we hope. We hope that a glimpse of what others are doing may make you pitch in, too. If you can help out in your area, please let us know quickly. We try to do everything possible from this office, but we know that if the GUARDIAN is to continue and really grow, it will be due to the work done by you, the reader.

Here are some highlights of this spring's sub activity:

CALIFORNIA: On top. Tiba Willner doing a wonderful job in S. Calif. but needs all the help she can get. Her address is 949 Schumacher Drive, Los Angeles 48; let her hear from you if you're willing and able to help. The IPP has set a quota of 2,000 subs.

San Francisco, Berkeley, Oakland, Santa Monica, Paradise, Chico, Long Beach, Topanga, Riverside, Palo Alto, and more—they're all plugging along on building the GUARDIAN. Sausalito, a community of only 5,000, says for example: "We expect to have in a short time a better GUARDIAN subscription list than any other town its size in the country."

ARKANSAS: Just beginning promotion campaign. Tough.

COLORADO: Steady, consistent statewide campaign.

CONNECTICUT: Bridgeport meeting this Sunday.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Campaign just beginning.

FLORIDA: Time for another GUARDIAN affair. February party very successful. Subs and renewals coming in slowly.

IDAHO: Statewide campaign progressing. Much excitement over Coeur d'Alene's team competition. Other areas please copy.

ILLINOIS: New Chicago committee now forming. So many good friends should have gotten together long ago. Rock Island is just coming into the picture.

IOWA: Statewide campaign going forward.

KANSAS: Some wonderful friends like Walter Saar. But no committee, no GUARDIAN circulation-building up to now.

MARYLAND: Statewide campaign under way. Silver Spring and environs promotion continuing.

MINNESOTA: Duluth, Minneapolis, St. Paul all sparking.

MONTANA: Steady influx of renewals and new subs. Goal here is to maintain the statewide record of the best per capita GUARDIAN readership in the U.S.A.

NEW JERSEY: Statewide campaign, plus pledge of $100 monthly to the GUARDIAN Sustaining Fund.

OHIO: Statewide sub campaign launched in the PP's March "Independent."

OREGON: Nadya Malbin, 7356 S.E. 30th St., Portland 2, just appointed to head a statewide campaign. She's a veteran at GUARDIAN promotion.

RHODE ISLAND: Little Rhody is now producing results.

TENNESSEE: Our friends, the Parsons, are plugging along.

TEXAS: Help wanted. El Paso and Houston can hardly cover all those acres.

WASHINGTON: Fair Taylor, Mary Gibson, Lyle Mercer . . . chugging along. Right behind California.

WEST VIRGINIA: One friend sent us a contribution earmarking it for the "office cat." Since our cat's demands are very modest, the contribution was passed along and our thanks were accompanied by the question "Can't we interest you in a GUARDIAN circulation-building campaign?" No answer—as yet.

WYOMING: One lonesome sub in Cheyenne wants to know why-o-why there aren't more.

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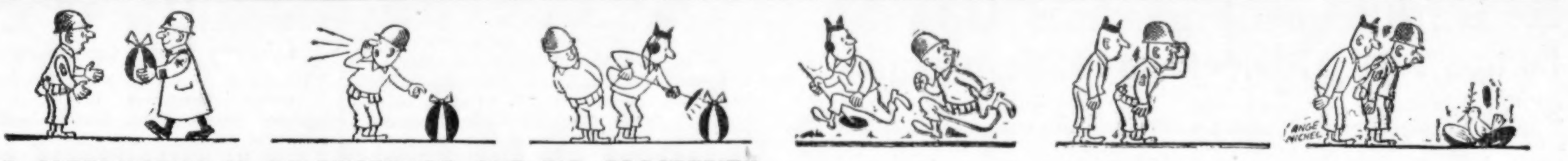


THE ALTERNATIVE IS CO-EXISTENCE AND BIG PROSPERITY

Eisenhower's goal: 'Localized' peace, 'little depression'

By Tabitha Petran

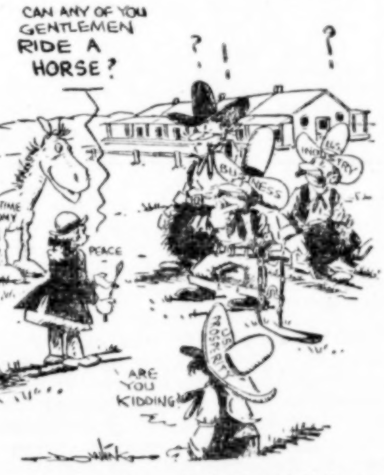
THE socialist world's "peace offensive" continued to boom last week. From France the N.Y. **Post** (4/6, 8) reported that the "rising popularity of Soviet moves" might

> . . . soon compare with wartime enthusiasm for Russian defense against Hitler's armies. . . . [They are] finding sympathetic listeners among the most anti-Communist officials in Europe.

This much of a pattern emerged from Washington reactions to the "peace offensive" and its crystallizing decisions on the arms budget:

- **Just as Truman sought to localize a "little war" to maintain high profits and finesse growing economic problems at home, the Eisenhower Administration seeks to localize a "little peace"—to buy time for frustrated war planners—coupled with a "little depression" to step up the profit rate.**
- **This attempt to "buy time" by a cease-fire in Korea makes even more urgent the America people's responsibility of insisting on a cease-fire broadening into a real peace.**

U.S. **News** (4/10) suggested that "a cease-fire may be temporary, not permanent." A Washington comentator considered authoritative by businessmen saw no objection to exploring a truce at this point, as a new and broader Far East offensive could be launched later in the summer under re-shuffled, more aggressive Pentagon leadership.



N.Y. Herald Tribune

WHAT A QUESTION!

This thinking seemed to be confirmed by Dulles' "fantastic" press-conference demand (see **World**, p. 5) that truce terms should divide Korea 90 miles and more north of the fighting line. If the demands are refused, "U.S. propaganda expert C. D. Jackson will organize a worldwide campaign aimed at convincing the world the Reds don't want peace really" (**Wall St. Journal**, 4/8).

Actually, a truce of any kind is feared by those who see it opening the door to

> . . . powerful demands for a general Far East settlement (**NYHT**, 4/9), . . . [depriving] the whole free world of the mainspring which has been making its rearmament program . . . tick (**Newsweek**, 4/13).

"LITTLE DEPRESSION": Although the size of the arms budget is not final, Washington reports show, the Administration leaning to a "stretch-out" with no increase for the present, possibly a small cut-back in Truman's 1954 budget if there is a cease-fire.

Business Week (4/11) said the Administration sees the peace drive as helping Eisenhower "out of the box he was in on budget-balancing and tax-cutting"; it welcomes "the stock and commodity market shakedown, coming in the midst of generally high-level business activity, [since] it will make it all the easier to handle a recession when it comes."

How a 'little depression' would help big business

To the big corporations dominating Washington, a "little depression" now means a chance to step up the rate of profit in these ways:

TAX CUTS: A truce and no arms-spending increase would insure expiration of the excess profits tax June 30, make likely other tax relief for big business.

LOWER LABOR COSTS: With wage-cuts already in effect for nearly three million organized workers after the dip in the cost-of-living "escalator," a small recession now would ease the tight labor market, pave the way for more cuts, throttle the big 1953 wage drive in autos and steel." **Journal of Commerce** (4/8) demanded "cooperation of labor" to reduce labor cost "without industrial strife" in this "difficult period" while the economy "learns to be less dependent upon government security spending. . . ."

ELIMINATING COMPETITORS: London's **Sunday Times** reported from Washington (3/22) that with a buyers' market near,

> . . . the industrial giants are getting ready for the approaching struggle. For more than 10 years now, full-blooded competition has been in suspense [while] industrial capacity has been vastly expanded. Large numbers of medium-sized industrial enterprises have never experienced cut-throat competition, and their resilience under such conditions is doubtful.

In autos, the war started in earnest with Chrysler's $100-a-car price cut. The merger of Kaiser-Frazer and Willys Overland showed "the Davids of the industry . . . preparing for a fight with the Goliaths" (London **Sunday Times**). **BW** (3/28) predicted "the hottest competitive year in the auto business since the 1930's." The program of Defense Secy. (General Motors) Wilson to "narrow the mobilization base" aims to eliminate all but giants from the arms pork-barrel.

TRANSFER TO NEW PLANT built in recent years, and to new raw-material sources: Since Korea, industry has re-equipped itself with $25 billion of new plant and machinery (more than two-thirds at taxpayers' expense). A "little depression" would complete textile's exodus to the low-paid South; permit U.S. Steel to shift base from Pittsburgh to its giant new plant on the Delaware; permit a shift from non-ferrous mines in the West and high-cost iron deposits, to use of off-shore, low-cost metals from new areas.

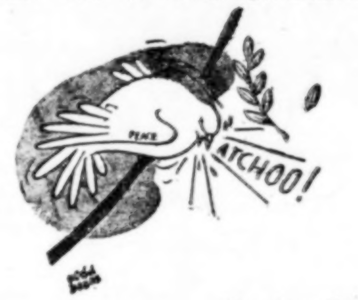
This means large-scale dislocation of workers, return to a looser labor market for big employers. Already textile companies are asking for a wage-cut, threatening to leave New England without jobs. New electrical and chemical assembly plants in the South will leave workers jobless in the Midwest and Middle Atlantic states.

Dangers ahead if the people don't act

These are some of the dangers if the people do not insist on peaceful and prosperous co-existence with the socialist world as an alternative to the "little" peace and depression approach and the big war and big depression to which it must lead.

DECLINE AND PANIC: The Administration is convinced stock and commodity slumps "do not mark the beginning of the recession they have long expected—and still do expect"—but the downturn "could be ushering in a persistent decline in business activity" (**BW**, 4/11). Panic in the face of real decline would generate powerful pressures for bigger military gambles, since (**WSJ**, 2/28):

> Only the Molochian waste of war seems able to raise government spending to a level which can really influence the course of business in a major way.



Carrefour, Paris

The cold war

Panic will be heightened by the contrast with socialist stability; in fact, it is already apparent. N.Y. **World-Telegram** business writer Walter K. Gutman, noting (4/11) that by 1957 the U.S.S.R. may raise steel production to the level of the U.S. in 1926 when "we were rated extremely prosperous," said:

> The Russian peace offensive . . . may well represent the beginning of the most deadly sort of competition for world domination. If our economy falters and we have even a mild recession, the Russians can hope to win.

EUROPEAN BREAKAWAY: Even a mild U.S. recession could be so disastrous to W. Europe's stagnating economy as to bring about the breakaway "from the embrace of the U.S." predicted by Stalin, and lead to the inter-capitalist war he said was inevitable while imperialism exists. Ludwell Denny reported from London (**NYWT**, 3/30, 4/9):

> Many here fear it [U.S. recession] would destroy Britain's narrow chance of recovery, reverse W. Germany's spectacular revival and threaten totalitarian rule in Italy and France. . . . The European economic crisis is terribly real. Two years ago W. Europe was saved by two shots in the arm—the Korean War and U.S. defense spending." Even then she barely managed to keep even. [Today] . . . she must have $4 billion a year, says the UN Economic Commission for Europe.

But her governments, writes Michael Hoffman (**NYT**, 3/4),

> . . . half agree . . . there is no real hope of expanding sales in American markets by anything like $2 to $4 billion yearly.

CRISIS IN FRANCE: Now that the President has postponed for a year action on allied requests for lower U.S. trade barriers, chances of any expansion in European sales here are slight.

Previous U.S. recessions have shown enormous declines in U.S. buying abroad. A recession now would increase W. Europe's huge dollar gap just when its budgetary resources are near exhaustion and production leveling off. Already responsible European financial opinion is "profoundly disturbed" by the British and French financial positions (**NYT**, 4/1). The Bank of France's refusal to give the government the full $290 million on-the-cuff advance it sought was seen as "a sign of approaching crisis." **WSJ** (4/10) reported the government has already used up most of the advance—supposed to have lasted till May 31—and French leaders

> . . . are especially embarrassed by the present slowdown of the nation's economy which could turn into a political threat.

BRITAIN, JAPAN, GERMANY: Britain closed its financial year (3/30) with a budgetary deficit of $1.2 billion and no outlook for improvement. The pro-U.S. **Economist** believes any basic solution to the dollar deficit would require a $35 billion fund—more than U.S. contributions to W. Europe over five years. Yet Secy. Dulles indicated the plan is to cut "aid" to W. Europe, increase it in Asia.

Meanwhile from Tokyo, **NYT** (4/10)—noting "the undeniable fact that the Korean War, subsequent to large-scale spending in Japan by U.S. forces, has kept this nation's economy stable"—reported "near panic of many economic leaders" at the prospect of its end. **UP** chief Roy Howard after visiting Japan said it must get export markets, recommended U.S. trade concessions, since

> . . . the alternative is possible overthrow of any government which sponsors free enterprise in Japan. This in turn almost certainly would result in a socialist government looking to Moscow for support.

NYWT (4/8) commented:

> Substitute the name of Germany . . . and it is a statement of the German problem as well. In fact, the U.S. is confronted by a similar problem in every country. . . .

With "deterioration" of sales opportunities intensifying as Stalin said it would, the huge expanding market of the socialist world exercises a magnetic pull on U.S. partners. Even in the U.S. it is admitted that Japan

> . . . must trade with China, whatever Chinese government is in power. Since the policy of no compromise with Communist China has now become a law of the Medes and Persians in this country, Japan's breaking away will inevitably create difficulties for the U.S., whatever government is in power (**NYT**, 4/12).

THE WAY OUT: The socialist peace initiative offers the American people the opportunity to avoid these dismal prospects by fighting for a real peace settlement, forcing Washington to accept the only alternative to war, depression, a police state—peaceful co-existence.

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Ike in full retreat before 'mad' McCarthy; Europe sees a Hindenburg-Hitler parallel

SEN. Joe McCarthy last week was riding the highest crest he has yet attained; neither President Eisenhower nor Secy. of State Dulles saw fit to challenge the wild man from Wisconsin who, to all appearances, was running the U.S. government. Leaders of European countries long wooed as cold-war allies were aghast at the spectacle; some saw a deadly parallel in the Eisenhower-McCarthy set-up and the 1932 relations between Germany's President Hindenburg and Adolf Hitler.

Most Americans remained frighteningly blind to the menace. A Gallup poll last week showed that 43% of those questioned had a definite opinion of the Senator's activities—a record ratio; nearly half were favorable, more than half thought he has done more good than harm.

SEES "STAGGERING DEBACLE": In Britain, Alex Comfort reported to the **Nation** a "total lack of confidence" in present U.S. government policy which "extends through very diverse groups" and is preparing a staggering debacle for American diplomacy in Europe"; Andrew Roth reported:

> In the Conservative view the situation has become serious if decisions on vital international questions, such as talking with Malenkov, can be made by the Eisenhower Administration only after it considers what the lunatic McCarthy-McCarran fringe will have to say.

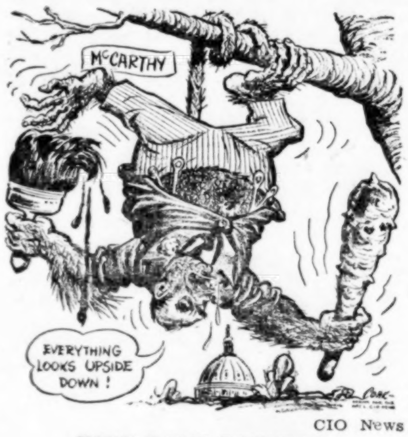
The N.Y. **Post** (4/5) quoted a German parliamentarian:

> "Remember Hindenburg. . . . It is 1932 all over again when the respected almost exalted honor of the great soldier was usurped and stained by a group which later invented a system of security and justice known as the Gestapo. . . ."

THE STATE—THAT'S JOE: Late in March McCarthy startled most of the diplomatic world by announcing he had "negotiated" an agreement with a New York group of Greek shipowners to take their vessels out of trade with China and "Soviet-bloc" countries. Harold E. Stassen, Director for Mutual Security, protested violently, said the McCarthy move had "undermined" his own efforts in the same direction. But Eisenhower publicly rebuked his own appointee in favor of McCarthy; McCarthy demanded and received an audience with Dulles, resulting in a joint statement in which Dulles not only approved the McCarthy-Greek agreement as "in the national interests," but publicly "thanked the Senator for the information tendered and said it would be helpful in further negotiations with foreign countries."

The Washington **Post**, trying to explain, suggested that the President

> . . . doesn't think the issue is important enough to warrant a tangle with Sen. McCarthy. Also, he wants to avoid any brush which might alienate a section of his party on Capitol Hill. However, . . . in respect of McCarthyism, there can be no quarter on the part of any man who is devoted to justice and good government.



CIO News

KING KONG RETURNS

STASSEN CRUMPLES: But quarter there was. On April 11 McCarthy was pushing Stassen arouhd again with a demand that a London group of Greek shipowners be ordered to follow the New York group's example. Stassen said he would be "pleased" to go over the matter with the Senator, graciously offered to call at his office.

McCarthy promptly kicked him in the teeth, announced on April 14 that he himself had concluded an agreement with the London shipowners. The London group only increased the Administration's embarrassment by denying McCarthy's claim, saying they would consider proposals from "official" quarters as against the "unofficial" Senator.

"TAKE OVER THE SHOW": Meanwhile McCarthy trod on more State Dept. toes by sending Roy Cohn, chief counsel for his investigating committee, and Gerard Schine, its chief consultant, to look for "subversion" among State Dept. personnel in Paris, Frankfurt, Bonn, Munich, Berlin, Vienna, Belgrade and possibly London. After a nine-day whirlwind tour they reported they had talked with 147 persons, collected three brief-cases of documents. McCarthy took another public sneer at the Administration by announcing he would call for questioning many foreign nationals:

> "I have no intention of checking with Dulles or anyone else on the questions we'll ask or who the witnesses will be."

The Washington **Post** commented on the Cohn-Schine tour:

> . . . Their presence in Europe is certainly the sincerest tribute Sen. McCarthy can pay to the importance of foreign affairs as he sees them. Time was, you remember, when he seemed perfectly willing to let the State Dept. manage foreign operations so long as he was free to dictate its policies and determine its personnel. But now, apparently, he has recognized the need for him to take over the entire show.

DEMAND IMPEACHMENT: Much more blunt was **Labor's Daily**, a publication sponsored by the Intl. Typographical Union with AFL support:

> Sen. Joe McCarthy is a demagogue such as has not appeared on the American scene in many decades. He is a threat to the orderly functions of the executive and legislative departments of the government. Congress knows that. The President knows it. When are they going to do something about the mad, power-hungry, character-assassinating rascal before his calculating, domineering influence affects every man, woman and child in America? He should be impeached. The sooner the better.

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THE Guy de Maupassant novel "Bel Ami," recently romanticized to provide a Hollywood receptacle for George Sanders, is restored to its original significance for latter-day readers in a new complete version issued by Liberty Books as its May selection.

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High court defers Rosenberg decision

THE SUPREME Court recessed until April 27 without handing down a decision on the appeal now before it, seeking a new trial for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg on charges of conspiracy to pass wartime secrets to the Soviet Union. The appeal asks the court to review a decision of Federal Judge Sylvester Ryan last November, denying the defense a hearing on a motion seeking a new trial after a witness admitted giving perjured testimony. It also charges the prosecution with influencing public opinion to the extent of making a fair trial impossible in 1951.

Evidence brought to light in last week's GUARDIAN, disproving prosecution testimony that a table in the couple's home was "hollowed out" for microfilming purposes and was an expensive "gift from the Russians," is now being studied by the defense as further grounds for a new trial.

PERJURY PROVED: The GUARDIAN story for the first time produced pictures of the actual table from the Rosenberg home, and an affidavit from R. H. Macy's dept. store identifying the table as one bought there in 1944-45 for about $21, as testified by **Julius Rosenberg.** The prosecution never produced the table at the trial in 1951, although it was available in the Rosenberg apartment until October, 1950, when the lease was surrendered and the furnishings disposed of or stored in the home of a sister of Julius Rosenberg. At the time the apartment was given up, the stories of the Rosenberg accusers, David and Ruth Greenglass, were allegedly complete and provided the basis for the arrest of Julius Rosenberg in July and Ethel in August, 1950.

Failure of the government to impound the table upon arresting the couple, although the FBI removed all manner of other materials including books, phonograph records and a collection can for relief of Spanish children, indicates that the Greenglasses testified falsely that their stories were complete and in prosecution hands prior to the arrests.

BLACKOUT IN THE PRESS: As this issue of the GUARDIAN goes to press, no other newspaper in the U.S. is known to have published a single reference to the discovery of the table, although copies of the GUARDIAN story were sent to all press services.

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Fascists break up Roosevelt Memorial

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shouting "Kill all the Russians" (referring to the victims, almost the only Americans present), called to a burly, club-swinging plainclothes cop who was in charge: "All finished?" The cop replied, grinning: "All finished. No meeting. Everybody happy."

But at about 4 p.m. Dr. Henry Noyes, a director of the Council, told the cop in charge that he and others still waiting outside were going to hold a meeting and that they would hold the cop responsible for seeing they did so undisturbed. The cop seemed sobered and a little bewildered by the realization that the "American" mob his men had been aiding were Russian and the "Russian" victims were Americans who knew their rights. About 100 persons who had come to honor Roosevelt and Stalin and were still on the scene went into the smashed-up hall, held an impromptu meeting, passed the hat and collected over $200.

TERRORIST TEST: By 5 p.m. an emergency session of Council adherents was in progress in nearby Chopin Center to plan another peace meeting on a much larger scale for the near future; $300 more in cash and pledges was given toward organizing costs. Council exec. director John Rossen, who had been set upon by a swarm of DP's in the alley behind People's Auditorium and only saved from serious injury when Noyes forced police to go to his aid, arrived from the doctor's with his arm bandaged in a sling, calmly told the group:

> "There is no doubt that the police and the Chicago **Tribune** — which made a strange phone call to me last week — knew all about what was coming off today. We understand quite well the meaning of this attack. They are desperate because peace is breaking out all over the world — but they haven't succeeded in intimidating anyone although they gave me a little bit of a headache. We shall give a bold and positive answer; the movement for peace will roll on."

William Patterson said:

> "The police let those mobsters out of the wagon — but we must ask: Who let them into the country to begin with—and why? We must understand that this is something new; it is serious, but we can overcome it. There is a plain pattern. They cannot get Americans to do this sort of dirty work and the government has brought here the most violent, trained terrorists in the world.
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> "I'll wager there were members of the FBI all through that crowd today. This is a trial of a new technique. They were there taking careful notes on how well these imported terrorists did, and how well prepared we are to fight back. I think Chicago has the responsibility of showing the nation how Americans will fight back."

WARNING TO AMERICANS: The violence on Roosevelt's anniversary was reported distortedly in a few papers and by Winchell on the radio; the N.Y. **Times** gave it one inch; Chicago's **Sun-Times** featured it in small-run early editions—including the name of Alex J. Zabrowsky, 2624 W. 17th St., as having "represented himself as leader of the demonstrators"—then yanked it completely. In a statement to the press Sunday afternoon which was totally blacked out, Lawson, Patterson and Belfrage said:

> It is a warning to all decent Americans that the anniversary of Franklin D. Roosevelt's death should be the occasion for an outbreak of fascist violence and the burning of books in the streets of Chicago. . . . The employment of disreputable fascists who got their training under Hitler to violate the constitutional rights of American citizens must be viewed with alarm by the people and especially the labor movement.
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> The insult to FDR and everything he stood for is an insult to our country and its laws. We call on all who believe in free speech and assemblage to join in demanding punishment of the perpetrators . . . to rally to defend our Constitution.

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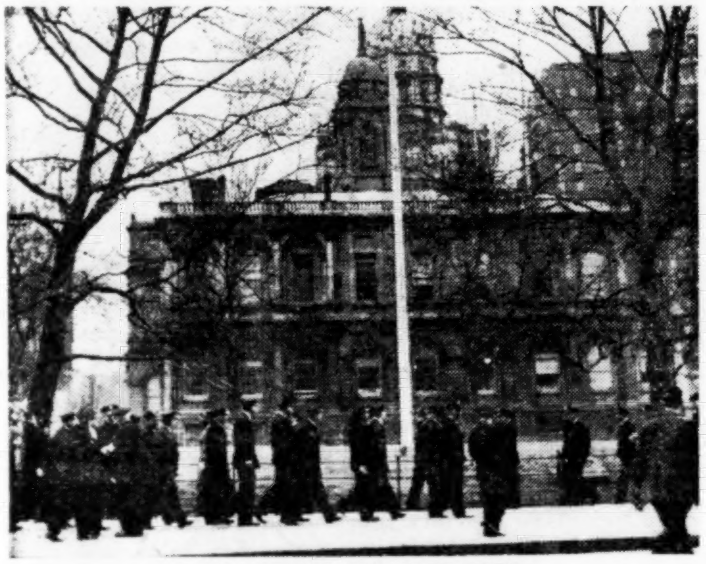
Unions rally against 'disaster budget'



NO, THESE ARE NOT COPS

They're uniformed firemen marching around New York's City Hall protesting Mayor Impellitteri's "starvation budget."

ON Tuesday, mid-point of the 3-day public hearing on the city's budget for disaster, this was how things stood. Outside City Hall 300 teachers picketed. Inside, the high-backed church-like pews of the Board of Estimate chamber were packed. Speakers lined up at the floor microphones. The press well was filled. But only three of the Board's eight members were there to listen. Roll-call revealed:

- Mayor Impellitteri was watching the Yankee opener; B'klyn Pres. Cashmore was with the Dodgers; Controller Joseph in his office; Council Pres. Halley ill with virus infection; Bronx Pres. Lyons hadn't shown up all day.
- The three who stayed were: Presidents Wagner (Man.), Lundy (Queens), and Baker (Richmond).

NOBODY LOVE IT: It was plainly a budget no one liked. The Mayor had submitted it with two postscripts:)1 If you don't take this, you'll get one that's worse; 2) Anyway, blame Dewey.

Except for officials like School Supt. Jansen, who clearly chose the Mayor's lesser evil, most speakers denounced both Albany and City Hall with varying shades of emphasis, suspected a "sham battle" between them, called on the Mayor to lead the city's fight instead of capitulating.

CITY WORKERS BITTER: The week opened with 2,500 uniformed firemen ringing City Hall. With them were hundreds more sanitation men (in and out of uniform), park dept. men and women, clerks, all bitter, angry, almost desperate. There were boos when the Mayor opened the hearing.

John J. De Lury, pres. of the Uniformed Sanitationmen's Assn. and speaking also for the City Employes Union (both affiliated with the AFL Intl. Brotherhood of Teamsters), spoke for almost an hour while aides held aloft charts showing the plight of city workers now down to home-relief standards. He spoke before a table stacked with petitions bearing 250,000 signatures protesting the budget. His voice broke before he finished; his closing was read by others.

De Lury called for a city workers' raise of $700, a minimum of $3,000 a year. (More than 30,000 city employes earn less than $2,900.) If the Mayor would fight in Albany he pledged his three unions' support, offered to arrange telecasts, said: "Let our goal be to reach all the people. Let us speak to them not only from the television studios but from the platforms of Madison Sq. Garden, the armories, the public schools, and if necessary, let's talk to them on the street corners."

RUMBLINGS OF ACTION: From another AFL speaker, Jerry Wurf of the State, County & Municipal Employes, came this prediction if the budget is not amended by July 1: "Condon-Wadlin [law barring civil service strikes] or not, vital services in this city will not be functioning."

Teachers denounce the 'alternatives'

On Tuesday, Teachers' Day, representatives of the United Parents' Assn., independent parent's groups, AFL teachers' unions and the independent Teachers Union kept up a day-long barrage. School Supt. Jansen, up to now occupied most heavily with witch-hunts, said the schools' belt-tightening comes at a time when they must accept 25,000 more students next fall.

The absent Mayor, along with the Governor, came under fire from other spokesmen. Harold Siegel, research dir. of the United Parents' Assn., charged Impellitteri had "both underestimated and compromised the case" by asking for only $11,000,000 in school funds from Albany.

Calling for expansion of the all-day neighborhood schools, specifically P.S. 108 in East Harlem, Pedro Camino said:

"We Puerto Ricans are a proud people, proud of our ancestry. We do not want charity. We are in an area of grasping landlords who are now asking for a 15% increase. We are exposed too often to the hatred and bigotry of many who resent our coming here. We want an equal footing with other races and peoples. And we insist that you expand our schools and our neighborhood centers to help us. We are alert to those who purport to love us in November but forsake us in March and April."

DEWEY'S DOORSTEP: TU's legislative representative Mrs. Rose Russell said the Mayor had confronted the city with "impossible and intolerable alternatives. . . . Operation Disaster vs. Operation Timebomb."

She said that after Dr. Jansen had pared his request below minimum standards, the Mayor had lopped off $17,000,000 and by a book-keeping device cut an additional $8,000,000 from school operating funds. She proposed the city raise money for its schools from taxes on "big business, big profits, big realty, big income." (For the first time AFL and conservative parents groups offered the same recipe.)

TU's program: reject fare-rise Transit Authority deal; rally the people by radio, TV, bus caravans of citizens to Albany to press at the Legislature's special session for equitable taxes, increased state aid for education, state bond issue for school construction, re-assess big real estate.

"SHABBY BETRAYAL": The last day's free-for-all of transit workers, tenants groups and political party spokesmen heard Paul Ross, chairman of the ALP Comm. on Municipal Affairs, denounce the budget as a "study in crocodile tears, official hypocrisy and shabby betrayal." Though the Mayor now seemed reluctant to accept Dewey's Transit Authority, Ross said Impellitteri himself had proposed such an authority at state budget hearings Feb. 11. He said the Mayor decried the Governor's pressure for "economy" while slasning already inadequate service budgets by $39,800,000.

He outlined ALP's plan to tax the rich, demand more state aid, hold present fares. Ross made his fare fight on an anniversary: 4 years earlier, April 14, 1948, he had resigned his job as Mayor O'Dwyer's administrative secretary in protest against the proposal to kill the 5c fare.

Spokesmen for the Liberal Party and Americans For Democratic Action also opposed the Transit Authority scheme.

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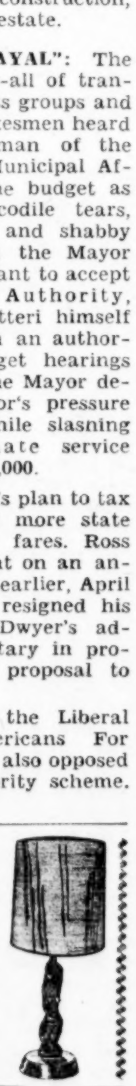

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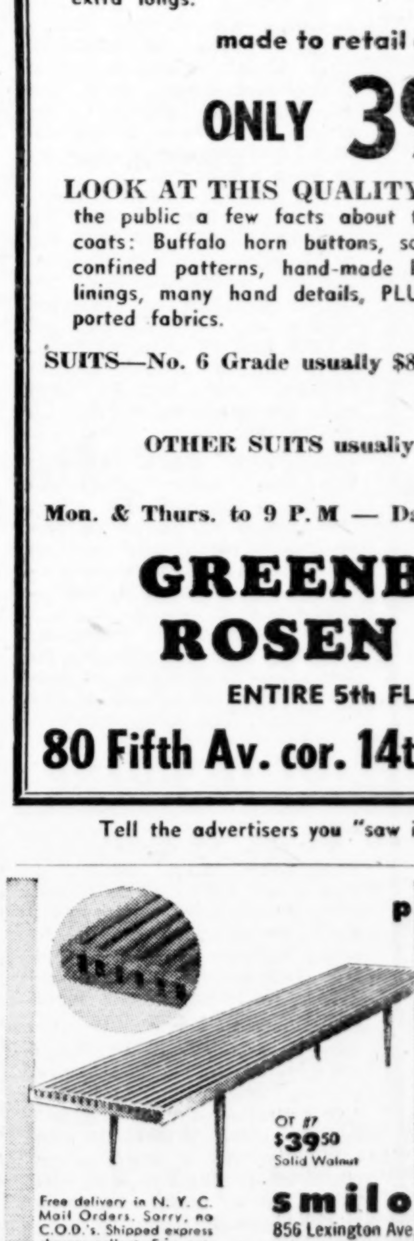

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THE STORY OF SHANKS

They're trying to destroy the homes of 6,000 vets and their wives and kids

A NEW YORK village of 6,000 people last week was faced with total destruction. Its homes, shops, community centers are to be razed, its land sold. More than that, a way of life is to go; Shanks Village, near Orangeburg, N.Y., is the only community in Rockland County where Negro and white share the same houses, where one chapel serves all faiths.

Lafayette camped on Shanks' site; doughboys and GI's used it during two world wars. After World War II the camp was turned into a veterans' housing project. Every barracks building was divided into three apartments, each with living room, kitchen, bath, 1, 2 or 3 bedrooms. A 2-bedroom apartment at Shanks rents for $35-$40, gas and electricity included ($1 a month more for use of a refrigerator; apartments come with icebox only). Tenants must pay for the kerosene used in the space heaters which warm the place in winter.

A TOWN IS BORN: The campsite was originally marked off into "areas," and the military names for neighborhoods persists in its village days; but clothes flapping on lines between barracks, children playing on parade grounds, the stores (including a village co-op), the dentists' and doctors' offices, the new brick schoolhouse have changed the camp into a town.

The 200 Negro families now in Shanks live in barracks with white tenants; there are no off-limits signs. Many of them were burned out of their homes elsewhere in the county. If they lose Shanks they can buy land nowhere else nearby. Housing for Negroes in the area at best is meager, mainly slum.

WASHINGTON AXE: The village's fight for life is somewhat apart from that of other veterans' projects now facing liquidation under the bill signed by Gov. Dewey last month. Shanks is not a state project; it is administered by the Federal Public Housing Authority. This year Washington's axe is timed to fall with Albany's, and the FPHA has announced that on June 30 the village's 750 acres will be put on sale; by July, 1954, all tenants must be evicted.

Few have any place to go. Some 500 villagers earn their living in nearby factories: Lederle, American Cyanimid, Gaer's carton factory, Orangeburg pipes, Rockland State Hospital, Wilcox and Gibbs.

BUSINESS DIVIDED: These firms see in Shanks a source of labor, stable because reasonably well housed. The embattled villagers have found in the area not only their homes but all their roots: their work, their children's schooling, their own church, a community spirit.

In nearby Nyack the businessmen are divided. Storekeepers value the $2,000,000 that Shanks Villagers spend yearly and are on their side. Big real estate interests on the other hand have called for Shanks' death, oppose clemency or even a reprieve.

The Nyack **Journal-News**, generally taken as the big landlord voice in the area, has published repeated Shanks-must-go editorials and demands that on the deserted village site only homes of $20,000 and up must be built. The villagers' average income is $3,000-$3,500 a year. For them the **Journal-News** offers no alternative.

CHUCHMEN BACK FIGHT: For many, realty values are crucial in the issue. For some, the human values of an unsegregated community loom as an added threat to the rock-bound conservatism of Rockland Co.

Churchmen in the county by and large back the villagers. So does the local office of the NAACP and the American Labor Party. The other political parties (the county is 2-1 GOP) have not yet spoken out officially and the county divides pro and con on non-partisan lines.

The blow, if it comes now, is badly-timed. Last summer a survey of newspaper ads showed only 45 vacancies in all Rockland County. The bridge being built at Tarrytown, and the Interstate Parkway, together will make 400 more county families homeless.

CO-OP MIGHT BUY: Some villagers are trying to organize a co-operative to buy up homes if the project is definitely put on the block. Others in the town say only a small group could afford the $80 a month they figure co-op expenses would demand; they fear that maintenance, carried out handsomely by the government, will pile up added costs, prefer to stake all on a last-ditch fight to hold the town together the way it is.

A co-op would find it tough at the June bidding. One realty group has reportedly offered the government $3,000,000.

HEELS DUG IN: For or against a co-op, the villagers are united behind one program: no sale this year, let Shanks live beyond next year. The villagers never expected Shanks to last forever; but they don't want to see their town die before the townspeople have some place to go. Mrs. Frances MacMillan, pres. of the Shanks Village Residents Assn., summed up:

"We have a good community. We have war brides from many countries living here. For the first time many of us are living side by side with Negro people, and there has been no friction, only a better understanding and friendship as time went on. We don't expect Shanks to last forever. All we hope to do is to keep the good things it has achieved together. When something better comes along we'll welcome it."

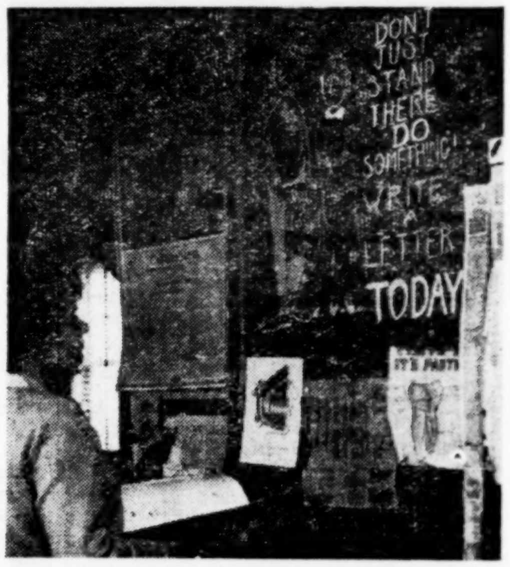
AN OASIS TO SAVE: Last week a delegation of 10 village leaders piled into two cars and went to Washington. Residents' Assn. housing chairman Armand Burgun, when he came back, told the GUARDIAN: "We got a lot of sympathy but that's all."

Sympathetic but unencouraging were N. Y. Sens. Lehman and Ives and Rep. Mrs. Katherine St. George (R-N. Y.), who in earlier battles had stood up for the village and on last week's trip lined up appointments for the delegates. Everywhere they went they found a stone wall: the FPHA was determined to sell out June 30. In Washington at least, Shanks was already a deserted village.

The fight now to save not a project but a town that is an oasis of unsegregated housing would have to go beyond the town's limits, perhaps beyond the county's. Save-Shanks letters should go to the President, Sens. Lehman and Ives at the Senate Office Bldg., Rep. Katherine St. George at the House Office Bldg., and Charles Cole, administrator, Federal Public Housing Authority, all in Washington, D. C.

New brick schoolhouse keynotes life in Shanks Village. Negro and white kids study and play together. If Shanks goes, their way of life goes too.

Washlines flutter between one-time barracks. Shanks is home for many war brides. Worrying as she works is Mrs. Samiko Brinsfield.



Fight-back mood is reflected in waiting room of Shanks dentist Dr. Maus Darling. Patient studies "Save-Shanks" poster while waiting.

Shanks is a well-knit community where neighborliness has outlawed jimcrow. Here Mrs. Eilleen Caldwell and son John chat with friend and neighbor Mrs. Maytee Preble.

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EXHIBIT: HERE'S HOW, history of drinking vessels from ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome to the present day. B'klyn Museum, Eastern Parkway & Washington Av. Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun., 1-5 p.m. Free.

STORY HOUR: FAIRY STORIES for young children. Museum of the City of New York, 5th Av. & 103d St. Sat., 2 p.m. Free.

ALL ANIMAL SUBJECTS ART SHOW: painting, sculpture and photography at Henry St. Settlement House, 305 Henry St., from 3-10 p.m. Free.

TRAVEL FILMS & COMEDIES FOR CHILDREN: Brooklyn Museum, Eastern Parkway & Washington Av. Sats., 2:30 p.m. Free.

TRAVEL FILMS: N. Y. Historical Society, 170 Central Park W. (nr. 77th St.) Sats., 2 p.m. Free.

B'KLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY, Grand Army Plaza, B'klyn, Saturdays, 3 p.m. Films for children in 2d grade and above. Check with your local library for films, story hours and other events. Free.

APRIL 25-26

Films

LIFE OF THE SWAMPLAND: SEMINOLES OF THE EVERGLADES: American Museum of Natural History, Central Park W. (n. 79th St.). Sat., Apr 25, 2 p.m. Free.

WHITE CONTINENT; ANTARCTIC WHALE HUNT: Museum of the City of New York, 5th Av. & 103d St. Sat., 11 a.m. & 3 p.m. Free.

BLACK BEAUTY: Trans-Lux 85th St. Theater (nr. Madison Av.), Sat., Apr. 25, 11 a.m. Children 35c, adults 50c.

DOCUMENTARY FILMS: for older children, 4 p.m.: Brooklyn Museum, Eastern Parkway & Washington Av. Free.

Plays

THE KINGSLAND MARIONETTES: Brooklyn Academy of Music, 30 Lafayette Av. Sat., Apr. 25, 3 p.m. $1.

OEDIPUS THE YOUNGER: by Children's Workshop of Lyric Theater at Henry St. Playhouse, 466 Grand St. Sat., Apr. 25, 3 p.m. 10c.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND: by Playmart Children's Theater, Carl Fischer Concert Hall, 165 W. 57th St. (nr. 7th Av.). Sat., Apr. 25, 1 & 2:45 p.m. Sun., Apr. 26, 2:45 p.m. 75c & $1.20.

THREE-IN-ONE: one-act plays for older children—comedy, drama and musicals presented by Ken Parker, Jan Hus House, 351 E. 74th St. Sat., Apr. 25, 8:40 p.m. $1.20-$2.40.

SUE HASTINGS MARIONETTES: B'klyn Academy of Music, 30 Lafayette Av. 3 p.m. $1.

Miscellaneous

FOLKWAY FAIR: annual event of Metropolitan Council, AYH, 62d St. Armory nr. Columbus Av. Two sessions: 12 noon-5 p.m. Exhibits, bicycle roller race, bicycle ballet, folk singing with Tony Graber; 7-12 p.m., exhibits, folk & square dancing for everyone, exhibition folk dancing by three groups, folk singing with Oscar Brand. 25c afts., $1.25 eves. at door. Both for $1 if mailed in advance to: Frank Harris, 344 W. 36th St.

CHILDREN'S ART SHOW: art work of boys & girls, 7-18 years. Catholic Charities Bld., 130 E. 22d St. Sun., Apr. 26, 1-5 p.m. Free.

THE MAGIC OF BLACK AND WHITE: hoofed mammals of the world, silhouettes by Hugo Mochi. Corner Gallery, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park W. (nr. 79th St.). Sat., Apr. 25, 10-5. Sun., Apr. 26, 1-5 p.m. Free.

JUNIOR TRACK MEET: for boys & girls under 11 yrs. St. Mary's Recreation Center, 145th St. & St. Ann's Av., Bronx. Shamrocks, youngsters' club, managing meet. Sat., Apr. 25, 10 a.m. Free.

MESSENGERS FROM SPACE: asteroids, comets and meteors discussed and shown. Hayden Planetarium, Central Park W. & 81st St. Shows daily on Mon.-Fri. 2, 3:30 & 8:30 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m. & 2, 3, 4, 5 & 8:30 p.m.; Sun. 2, 3, 4, 5 & 8:30 p.m. Children 40c, adults 65c mats.; 95c eves.

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FORBIDDEN GAMES—(Fr.) Little Carnegie, 146 W. 57th.

DON CAMILLO (It.)—Bryant, 42d, E. of B'way.

Manhattan

ART, 35 E. 8th. **High Noon & African Queen** thru Apr. 20; **Dulcimer St.** (Br.) & **Jenny Lamour** (Fr. with Jouvet), Apr. 21-27.

BEEKMAN, 2d Av. bet. 65-66. **Limelight** Apr. 21-23; **High Noon & African Queen** Apr. 24-27.

CARLTON, B'way & 100th. **High Noon & African Queen** Apr. 18-21.

COLONY, 1519 2d Av. **Red River & 3 Guys Named Mike** Apr. 19-21.

85th St. TRANS-LUX, Madison & 85th. **Ivanhoe** (single feat.) Apr. 17-20; **African Queen** Apr. 21-23; **Story of Three Loves** Apr. 24-27.

8th ST. PLAYHOUSE, 52 W. 8th. **Ivanhoe** (single feat.) Apr. 18-21; **Limelight** Apr. 21-24.

GRAMERCY, 23d & Lexington. **Ivanhoe** (single feat.) Apr. 18-21; **Story of 3 Loves** from Apr. 22.

HEIGHTS, 150 Wadsworth Av. **Lavender Hill Mob & Tight Little Island** (both Br.) to Apr. 22.

STUYVESANT, 189 2d Av. **Lydia Bailey & Bulldog Drummond** Apr. 19-20.

THALIA, B'way & 95th. **Ways of Love** (It.) **The Miracle & Lovers Return** (Fr., with Jouvet) Apr. 17-23.

Brooklyn

APOLLO, 1431 Fulton. **Lydia Bailey & Ma & Pa Kettle at the Fair** Apr. 19-20.

JEWEL, 711 Kings Highway. **White Corridors & Curtain Up** Apr. 15-29.

Bronx

ASCOT, 23133 Gr. Concourse. **Cabinet of Dr. Caligari & The Last Laugh** (Ger.), Apr. 18-20; **High Noon & African Queen** Apr. 21-24.

CREST, 1145 Ogden Av. **High Noon & African Queen** Apr. 19-21.

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ALP COMMUNITY CENTER, 220 W. 80th St. **Welldigger's Daughter** (Fr.), with Raimu, Fernandel. Sun., Apr. 19, from 8 p.m. 75c.

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Where to Go

Off-Broadway Shows

OTHELLO—starring William Marshall, Mother AME Zion Church, 146 W. 137th St., Sun., Apr 19, 4 p.m. $1, $1.50.

MACBETH—performed on reconstruction of Shakespeare's stage, Hofstra College 4th annual Shakespeare Festival, Hempstead, L. I., Apr. 23-26, 8:30 p.m. $1, 1.50 & 2. HE 7-7000.

MONDAY'S HEROES — Greenwich Mews Theatre, 141 W. 13th St. Nightly except Mon. & Fri. Res.: TR 3-4810.

THE BIG DEAL—Yugoslav Hall, 405 W. 41st St. Wed., Thurs. and Fri. evenings. Reservations: LO 5-9856. Exchange views with author and cast at open forum Tues., Apr. 21, 8:30 p.m. Free.

TIME FOR A CHANGE — satirical revue on current political scene directed by Elliot Sullivan, The Pythian, 135 W. 70th St., Apr. 23, 24, 25, 30, May 1 & 2, 8:30 p.m. $1.20, 1.80, 2.40.

MARLOWE'S "DR. FAUSTUS" — Equity Library Theatre Lenox Hill Playhouse, 331 E. 70th St., 8:40 p.m. Apr. 15-19; mat. 3 p.m. Sun., Apr. 19.

DEEP ARE THE ROOTS—play on interracial relations by James Gow & Arnaud D'Usseau, Equity Library Theater, Lenox Hill Playhouse, 331 E. 70th St., 8:40 p.m. Apr. 22-26; mat. 3 p.m. Sun., Apr. 26.

THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS—Sean O'Casey play on Irish Revolution. Current Stages in new quarters at Cherry Lane Theatre, 38 Commerce St., Wed. thru Sun. 8:30 p.m. Reservations: OR 5-9724.

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NEGRO HISTORY PHOTO EXHIBIT—ASP Photographer's Workshop, Epworth Meth. Church, 834 Morris Av. (nr. 160th St.), Bronx. Opens Sun., Apr. 19, with tea and dramatic musical by church members, entertainment by Martha Schlamme, Bill and Jolly Robinson, others, 4 p.m.

HARRY GOTTLIEB—recent paintings of fishermen, potato workers, scenes near Hampton Bay, L. I. ACA Gallery, 63 E. 57th St. Apr. 20-May 9.

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Music & Dance

DANCES OF LATIN AMERICA — Josefina Garcia Co., B'klyn Museum, Eastern P'kway & Wash. Av., Sat., Apr. 18, 3 p.m. Free.

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General

GERMAN CULTURE FOR PEACE program, with reading in English from Berthold Brecht's new play, **Mother Courage**, by Phoebe Brand and others. Musical program. Speakers: Francine Bradley and James Aronson, Guardian executive editor. Sponsored by the **German-American**. At Fraternal Clubhouse, 110 W. 48th St., Sun. eve., Apr. 19, 8:30 p.m. Admission: $1.20.

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Peace groups merge, plan b'g program

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Representatives unanimously voted a merger into the new N.Y. Peace Council, to be closely associated with the national organization, American Peace Crusade. The Council, with headquarters at 125 W. 72 St., will set up a labor committee, 4 borough committees (Richmond still unorganized).

ACTION: Delegates at the merger session saw in the world news fresh opportunities for wide peace campaigning, charted this program as a starter:

- Distribute leaflet supporting Rep. Klein's (D-N.Y.) proposal for a cease-fire now. (Leaflets now ready at Council offices.)
- Organize at least 12 peace-in-Korea rallies in 4 boroughs this month.
- Local committee delegations and letters to UN.
- Delegations to each city Congressman to support Klein's cease-fire move.
- City-wide trade union rally on "peace in Korea and on peace and full employment" in May.
- Publish pamphlet proposing peace and full employment as alternative to war and depression.

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Army to quarantine returning GI's

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warned that some POW's might have "succumbed to relentless Communist pressures," co-operated "at least outwardly" for fear of "torture or death—or both" after being forced to attend "indoctrination schools."

(Britain's Mrs. Monica Felton and other Western visitors to POW camps in N. Korea have confirmed the picture of life there given by Australian author-playwright-correspondent Wilfred Burchett—generally regarded on both sides as an accurate reporter—in the French Communist paper **Ce Soir.** Burchett deailed their simple but ample diet, recreation facilities and comparative freedom of movement, said "political readings and study" were voluntary though compulsory at first. He quoted POW's as telling him they were ashamed of their own side's lying when the Chinese—described to them as "brutal and debased"—treated them so well. He added that POW's knew of preparations to "screen" them when they were repatriated and of troubles they would face if they returned friendly to the N. Koreans and Chinese; this was the chief subject of conversation in the camps, and some were afraid to go home.)

"NUTS" & "DESERTERS": In a dispatch from Korea, Jim Lucas (**NYWT,** 4/13) warned relatives of returning POW's that some might

> . . . come back as a stranger . . . argue that the U.S. is an imperialist aggressor, that we've dropped germs. . . . A very wise Japanese correspondent . . . says it is nothing television and ice cream won't cure. . . . It may be up to you to prove to him he is a nut.

While top Pentagon officials denied that returning Communist-"converted" POW's will be treated "entirely" as "mental cases," a N. Y. **Herald Tribune** reporter seeking clarification ran into a sensational story about POW's who might refuse to come home. The officials told him that the U.S.—which broke up truce talks over its stand on "voluntary repatriation" of Chinese and N. Koreans it holds—will declare such American POW's deserters subject to being shot if captured. They said they expected the Communists to "come up with a list" of Americans refusing repatriation.

NYHT ran the story at length in its early April 14 edition, then killed it. The Washington **Post,** using **NYHT** service, carried a shorter version in all editions.

THE WRITHING COIL: Washington showed itself as unprepared for the political consequences of a truce as for return of POW's who might have been "brain-washed" free of hatred for "gooks" and "chinks." Some inevitable consequences were spelled out in the **New Statesman & Nation** (4/11). The China blockade would have to be lifted unless the U.S. was willing to be pictured as "actively supporting a war of intervention" (by Chiang). Formosa's status would have to be defined (for Britain and other U.S. allies it is that of a bandit regime). Overwhelming pressure for recognition of China's real government would have to be met, demands for four-power talks on Germany faced, postponement of W. German rearmament considered. **N S & N** commented:

> Mr. Eisenhower must feel a sense of nightmare when he envisages this fearsome coil of consequences writhing out of the huts . . . at Panmunjom.

The "nightmare" had evoked proposals for U.S. armistice terms characterized by the **N. Y. Times'** James Reston (4/11) as a "policy stew," by Walter Lippmann (4/13) as "half-baked," and by Walter Millis (**N. Y. Herald Tribune,** 4/13) as "fantastic." In a "background—don't quote me" press conference Secy. Dulles indicated the U.S. would settle for division of Korea at the "waist" 90 miles above the present battle line; UN trusteeship of Formosa; and cessation of Chinese support of the Vietminh government controlling most of Vietnam, Indo-China. When the stories appeared in the press, there were loud cries from S. Korea and Formosa, angry protests from the China Lobby, "immediate furor . . . in the UN and most foreign capitals" (Anne McCormick, **NYT,** 4/11). The White House promptly denied the whole thing.

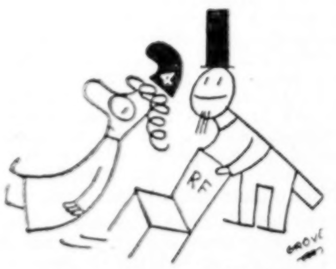
WAR—NEXT ROUND: Observers agreed that the U.S. had made one decision: to consider the Korea and Indo-China wars as one, to intensify the latter if the former stops. **N S & N** reported from Paris (4/4) that when French Premier Mayer was in Washington, "the Americans showed a definite eagerness for the war in Indo-China." But the Paris **Tribune des Nations'** military analyst "Colonel X" pointed out (3/27) that the "single anti-Communist front" concept of Korea and Indo-China could not be realized

> . . . except on the maps of the U.S. general staff. . . . The enemy, on his side, will continue to wage two entirely different wars under commands obviously independent of each other.

"Colonel X" added that U.S. methods used in Korea to train Asian soldiers "would be totally ineffectual in the fight against guerrillas" in Indo-China. The U.S. might further be expected to build up forces in Indo-China by sending some U.S. draftees and pressing France to send conscripts. This would be known as "a strategic reserve to repel any possible offensive by the Vietminh," but in fact would

> . . . clearly signify that Indo-China was being got ready—like Korea—as a base from which to launch a general offensive against China.

RECKLESS & HOPELESS: France's Defense Minister Pleven, father of the collapsing European Army idea, was in Washington last week desperately playing the only ace his bankrupt government had left to get more dollars—the sound anti-Communist investment possibilities of the Indo-China war. The U.S. press shielded the public from knowing that virtually all France has long since given up the war—on which France alone is spending 500 billion francs a year—as hopeless.



Canard Enchaine, Paris

"The place of France in the world is well known."

Vietnam Chief of Staff Gen. Hinh recently told **UP** that France "should continue" the war until 1956 (another 1,500 billions' worth) and then get out with nothing but "the gratitude of Vietnam" to show for it. Robert Borel in **Le Monde** (4/4) spoke for most of France when he wrote that the war "can no longer bring us any return"; that after a Korean peace "our position in Asia threatens to become continually more perilous"; and that "demanding" that China cease helping the Vietminh, when France and the U.S. refuse to recognize Peking and so make sensible negotiation possible, is "ridiculous."

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Adenauer on $ pilgrimage; Europe faces 'fatal' crisis

WEST German Chancellor Adenauer, seeking to "cement ties" to help him win this year's elections in face of his people's rising demand for unification of Germany, arrived on a Washington pilgrimage a few days after Mayer left. In New York he held forth on Dutch landscape painters in the Metropolitan Museum; later, on a flying tour of the west, he was observed by **UP** in Omaha being playfully "shot at" by his press chief, Felix von Eckhardt, with "a big green water pistol." Washington was receiving him with full ceremony while Akihito, son of Japan's Emperor Hirohito, en route to Canada and the U.S., was being honored in Hawaii a stone's throw from Pearl Harbor.

Unlike Mayer, Adenauer came with a report-card glowing with high marks, having rammed the European army treaty through parliament's lower house, boasting of a German economic boom. But with socialist peace moves coming from the East just when the treaty was having tough sledding in W. European parliaments, Adenauer and Eisenhower had to concentrate on "what to do if, finally, the European army plan becomes impossible" (**NYWT,** 4/7); "what to do about" the Soviet offer of German unity anticipated around the corner (Alsops, 4/10).

Adenauer received—but hardly needed at this stage—assurances of U.S. aid to arm German units when the European army became a reality. Regarding possible Soviet offers on Germany, he first made "free elections" a primary condition for consideration (**NYT,** 4/10), then swiftly changed his position and categorically declared Germany would stick to the European Defense Community regardless of any tempting Soviet offers (**NYT,** 4/12). **Le Monde** (4/10) found "disquieting and surprising" his "ardor to denounce the Soviet Union, his willingness to discourage any negotiation in advance by making conditions" unacceptable to Moscow.

"TRUCE OF GOD": Socialist-world peace moves profoundly affected U.S. allies tverywhere. On the same day that President Eisenhower flew to Georgia to "wrestle with two knotty statistical problems—how to cut Federal expenditures below $69 billion a year and his golf score below 90 a round," Michael Hoffman reported from Geneva (**NYT,** 4/13) warnings of economists—based upon "evidence pouring in" from Tokyo, Washington, Southeast Asia and nearly every European capital—that relaxation of international tension "would find the West in a serious and perhaps fatal economic condition" (see Petran).

The way to avoid catastrophe was pointed out by **Reynolds News** (London) in an article entitled "The Truce of God" (4/5): Peace in Korea; settlement of Germany without rearming Germans; recognition of the real Chinese government; "place high in our priorities the restoration of a full flow of trade between East and West"; "place the problem of world hunger high on the agenda of any international discussions"; a five-power conference to realize this program.

Begging Washington to abandon its position that the new peace moves "must be fought at any price," editor Beuve-Mery of **Le Monde** (4/9) wrote:

> The risk does exist—but from there to thinking that the risks of war can be preferred to the risks of peace! . . .
>
> The man in the street, for his part, thinks quite simply that, in declaring itself unable to resist peacefully an enemy whom it boasts it can crush in case of war, Western society would proclaim its own bankruptcy and that of the values which alone could justify it. It would forever disqualify itself. . . . If it were absolutely necessary to spend billions of billions to prevent an economic catastrophe, it would better be spent to make people live than to massacre them.

Editors do some fast re-thinking on Soviet trip

SEVEN of ten U.S. newspaper and radio editors flying in from their trip to the Soviet Union were handed a telegram from editor John Chapple of the Ashland (Wis.) **Daily Press,** greeting them as "the editorial jackasses of the century for falling for this Soviet peace trickery" (**NYT,** 4/12). The telegram set the pattern of the tone of questions hurled by correspondents in a radio-TV interview (4/11) over **ABC.**

Pelted with gibes over their friendly reports from Moscow, several of the editors developed reservations about what they saw. Small-town newspaper chain owner James L. Wick, leader of the group, said they had told "only part of the story," promised "a complete and honest report" later; Mrs. Jane L. McIlvane of the Downington (Pa.) **Archive** ridiculed Soviet women's clothes; Bennett O. Knudson of radio KATE, Albert Lea, Minn., said the people looked "austere," and "none of us was converted to communism."

COMBING FOR MIKES: Asked if the group had sought to visit a concentration camp, Wick said he did discuss the matter and was told Russia had no such camps but, like the U.S., sent criminals to jails. He was told he could visit—with permission—any "concentration-camp" site shown on maps appearing in the U.S. He applied for such permission just before he left Moscow, was awaiting a reply from Soviet authorities.

Quietly outspoken was Eugene A. Simon of the Tarentum (Pa.) **Daily News.** While Mrs. McIlvane was sure of a microphone planted in her hotel room and surveillance when she walked around Moscow, Simon—having been told previously to look for such things—found no microphone in his room after searching it "with a fine-tooth comb"; he went to many places unescorted, tested and found no one shadowing him. In response to a gibe about being taken around by the nose in Moscow, Simon reminded everyone that they had gone there not at Moscow's invitation but at their own request.

SPORTS

McCarthy tosses the first pitch

THE Cincinnati Red Stockings were the first all-professional baseball team; in 1869 they played 64 games without losing one. Not often a pennant-winner in recent years, the Cincinnati team is regarded affectionately by baseball fans, has been known for generations as the Reds.

Last week in Cincinnati there was an historic occasion. The Reds opened the 1953 season against the Milwaukee Braves, a group of displaced players from Boston. The Boston National League franchise was moved this year to Milwaukee, the first major league shift in 52 years. This was the result of the opening game:

	R	H	E
MILWAUKEE BRAVES	2	9	1
CINCINNATI RED LEGS	0	3	1

Observers close to the baseball scene were impressed not by the score but by organized baseball's final recognition of the temper of the times: the Reds had been whitewashed from the knees up.

LABOR

Bridges union leads 'fight back'; Hugh Bryson indicted on T-H oath charge

LAST WEEK the West Coast's tough, smart Intl. Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (80,000 members in Hawaii, Alaska and the mainland) held its tenth biennial convention in San Francisco, took note of a "fight back" spirit developing in U.S. labor, saw prospects of labor's own political party, acted on a ten-point "crusade for peace" program, and vigorously backed four of its top officers now under government prosecution.

President Harry Bridges told the 250 delegates:

> "There is absolutely no doubt that in the coming months our organization and the labor movement generally faces the drive for the establishment of a labor front, which is the first part of the military state.
>
> "Presently the political strength of labor is at an all-time low, but it is moving along a road where its political strength will come to an all-time high. . . . I predict with confidence that in the months ahead there will be some move made somehow, even in the top ranks of labor, toward a perspective of labor's own political party."

On peace, Bridges said:

> "Right now is the greatest opportunity that has come along in many years to do our part, with all the allies we can muster, to make sure there is world peace, not world war."

DARK FANTASY: On the perjury conviction of Bridges and two other officers of the union, arising out of the 18-year effort to deport Bridges on charges of Communist affiliation (the case is now pending before the Supreme Court), the convention adopted with only one dissenting vote a resolution calling upon the Justice Dept. to drop the charges. It said:

> "A directive from President Eisenhower or Atty. Gen. Brownell could settle the case by dismissing it."

The prosecution of Jack Hall, the union's regional director for Hawaii, and six co-defendants in Honolulu under the Smith Act was denounced as "a brew of hysteria, lies, dark fantasy and mumbo-jumbo"; the convention voted him full support "in his fight for vindication" and pledged the union will not rest until repeal of the Smith Act.

SCREENING THREAT: Greatest immediate danger to the union was seen in the Coast Guard's screening program under government "security" measures. The convention noted that the "screening," by its interference with the union hiring hall, was accomplishing what 18 years of employer and government attacks had failed to do. It contrasted East Coast screening practice, where, it said, gangsters, gunmen, racketeers, thieves, loan sharks and ex-convicts are granted free access to the docks.

To meet technological advances in the industry and to offset a threatening depression, the convention went

> . . . on record for a shorter work day with increased daily pay to enable our members to be fully employed without lowering the total income of the individual worker, thus restoring and maintaining the American standard of living.

All top officers of the union were re-nominated without opposition; in addition union veteran James Fantz of Portland, Ore., was nominated president pro tem to serve in the event Bridges' conviction is upheld by the Supreme Court.

HUGH BRYSON
There was a reason behind

HARRY BRIDGES
Labor's "greatest opportunity"

Hugh Bryson indicted

A new government attack was directed against another independent West Coast maritime union. On April 7, Hugh Bryson, president of the Natl. Union of Marine Cooks & Stewards, was indicted by a federal grand jury on a charge of perjuring himself when he signed a Taft-Hartley non-Communist affidavit. He was released on $5,000 bail. The indictment came as his union's general council was meeting to map next steps in a campaign for an immediate 9.5% wage increase and to fight off raiding by Harry Lundeberg's AFL maritime union, which has sponsored an organization under the same name. When Bryson was first called before the grand jury on March 28, he said:

> "Lundeberg's raiders are trying to use the grand jury at the expense of the taxpayers to help wreck the real MCS. If anyone should be investigated it is those who oppose a truly democratic union such as [ours]. The men I saw go into that grand jury room are known as raiders and union wreckers by 90% of the men and women who sail the ships. They were found guilty of anti-union raiding activity by an overwhelming vote of our union after a fair and democratic trial. We can't help but wonder if this investigation isn't for the purpose of covering up gangsterism and discrimination, long opposed by MCS."

BEHIND THE MOVE: The indictment seemed a part of the government's refusal to grant an election to MCS; during the union's general council meeting Bryson said:

> "Our union is opposd to raiding and jurisdictional disputes. For two years an attempt has been made by another union to take over our organization. The 'no action' policy of the Natl. Labor Relations Board has contributed much to the uncertainty that has prevailed. For more than a year we have demanded an NLRB election to settle this issue. The government has not yet set a date for that election. This is another threat to stabilization in the industry."

Of his indictment, Bryson said:

> "Frame-ups have become common in the maritime industry. This one will not affect the unity and solidarity of our membership."

HOW TO CATCH 'EM: Indictments under the Taft-Hartley oath provision are part of the Eisenhower administration's get-tough policy toward labor; since the inauguration Congressional pressure for such indictments has increased. In February, Sen. Taft said:

> "They ought to prosecute more of these fellows. They may not be able to pin it on them all, but they can catch some of them with a jury."

Shortly before Bryson's indictment, a similar one was returned against an official of a Cincinnati local of the Fur & Leather Workers Union; to date there has been only one such conviction. But on April 9, a Justice Dept. official told a Congressional committee that many more indictments can be expected "in the near future."

THE PENNY CLASS: Back of the government's hostility to labor is a Big Business determination to keep wage increases this year, if any, in the penny class; a possibility of wage cuts looms in some industries. Under escalator clauses in contracts tying wages to the cost-of-living index millions of workers in auto, railroad and other fields have already taken reductions up to 3c an hour. The textile industry is demanding wage cuts; in the Northwest timber country the CIO Intl. Woodworkers have scaled down their wage demands by nearly half, still find employer associations refusing even to discuss "cost items" in new contracts.

Mine, Mill's program

The independent Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers Union at a recent executive board meeting described depression conditions in the lead and zinc industries as a "national emergency" and mapped a militant ten-point program to cope with the situation, but went ahead with demands for a general wage increase this year of 15c an hour plus substantial improvements in "fringe" benefits. The union took account of increasing attacks on labor, but declared:

> "This year, things are different. The Eisenhower administration, with its 'billionaire cabinet,' makes things different. The danger of a depression soon not only in the non-ferrous metals industry but in all American industry, makes things different. The 'fight back' spirit—spreading among workers, farmers, professionals, small businessmen, aliens and naturalized citizens, Negroes and Mexican-Americans—makes things different, too."

Prospects for labor unity were seen by Mine, Mill as better than in years.

CIO-AFL UNITY: But while progress was being made in united labor action in some regional areas and some industries, top CIO-AFL unity talks were going slowly. A first meeting on April 7 produced a noncommittal statement and an announcement that a subcommittee was appointed "to study the possibility of eliminating raiding between affiliates of the two organizations, as a prerequisite to achieving labor unity." The next full committee meeting was put off till June.

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White tells Dulles: OK genocide pact

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White advised Secy. Dulles and the President to ratify the UN Genocide Convention and Declaration of Human Rights in order to leave the Soviet Union "on the hook on the issue of civil rights." For the U. S. S. R.

"... will industriously quote Mr. Dulles' words to millions of desperate people ... as evidence that the U. S. is not going to fight for human rights."

The NAACP was participating in these campaigns:

SCHOOLS: Dr. Frederic Wertham, psychiatrist, director of the LaFargue Clinic, N. Y. C., writes in **The Journal of Educational Sociology** for March that admission of Negro students to all-white Delaware schools created no unpleasant incidents; despite "all the adults' dire forebodings, ... Negro and non-Negro children adjusted on the whole constructively and in a friendly manner." Wertham's article is based on experiments connected with the suit against segregation in Delaware schools, among five cases argued before the U. S. Supreme Court last December by the NAACP. He found segregation of white and Negro children

... to create potential mental disorders and thus to constitute a public health problem. ... All the Negro children ... who changed from segregated to integrated schools made distinctly better academic progress.

POULTRY WORKERS: The 350 Negro employes of H & H Poultry Co., Shelbyville, Del., beginning the fourth week of a strike for union recognition (Local 262, Packing & Food Service Workers, CIO) and a minimum hourly wage of $1 with guaranteed 32-hour week, are supported by the NAACP in urging "immediate investigation by state law enforcement agencies and [the Governor's] office to prevent further threats of violence." The workers, earning from $8 to $16 a week (occupants of company shacks paying $7 weekly and facing eviction), are harassed by burning crosses and armed white deputies. A Negro CIO organizer was lynched here a few years ago.

TRAVEL: "An illegal denial of equality" under California law is what Municipal Court Judge Lucius T. Green of Los Angeles called the segregating of south-bound Negroes boarding Southern Pacific trains in Calif. His opinion, and an order April 7 banning the railroad's jimcrow practice, came in response to a suit filed by the L. A. branch, NAACP, on behalf of four plaintiffs. Judge Green's opinion overruled 15 jurisdictional objections raised by attorneys for the railroad, which had motioned to dismiss the NAACP complaint.

S. CAROLINA TEACHERS: Thirty-three Negro school teachers of Horry Co., S. C., scene of widespread Klan terror for years, have joined the NAACP, against which much of the KKK activity has been directed. The NAACP's legal attack on segregated schools in Clarendon Co. has boosted its support by Negro teachers to offset attempts to wreck it.

YOUTH: The NAACP's youth division has joined 15 other national youth organizations to sponsor the U. S. Assembly of Youth at the U. of Michigan, Sept. 3-8. One thousand young people from 16 to 30 are expected to discuss international, in relation to domestic, issues, all under the general head of "The World We Want."

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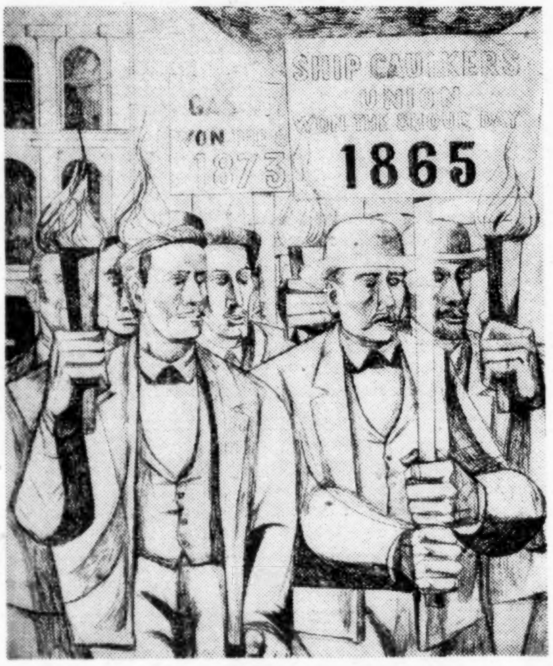
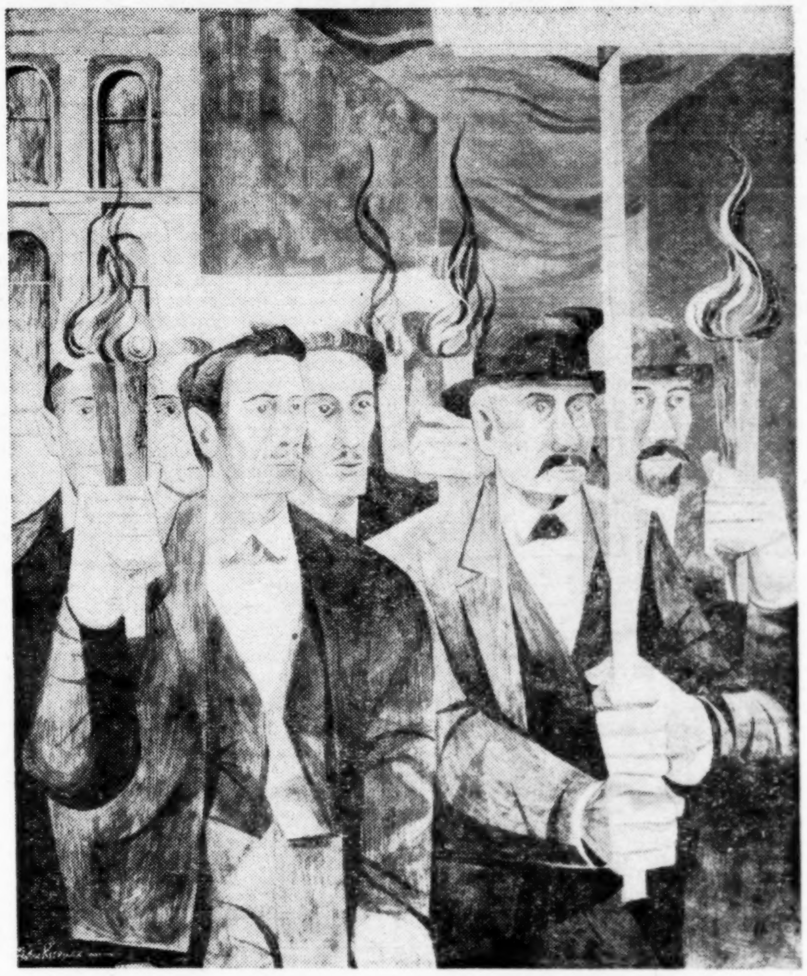
The storm over the Refregier murals --- and the Scudder school of history

By James Aronson



WHY THE "1865" CAME OUT

Refregier met all the objections to his original sketches. Among them were the "fatness" of a priest and the "scrawniness" of an Indian. And there's a reason why only the bottoms of the signs show in the picture at the right. Originally the signs contained a reference to the 8-hour day (see above). But in 1947, the year of Taft-Hartley, the government considered the 8-hour day "controversial" and ordered Refregier not to refer to it.



SHORTLY before the U.S. entered World War II, a competition was held among American artists to choose one to execute a series of murals in the Rincon Annex Post Office in San Francisco. The murals were to depict the growth of the San Francisco community from the Indian days to the building of the Golden Gate and beyond.

Eighty-three artists competed; the judges selected as the winner Anton Refregier, distinguished artist and outspoken critic of decadent culture. Among the judges was the Rincon architect and deputy commissioner for design in the Federal Works Progress Administration, Gilbert S. Underwood.

"AND SO ON": The war interrupted Refregier's work a month after it was begun and it was not till 1946 that the artist continued on the $26,000 project, most expensive in the history of federal buildings. There were to be 27 panels (the finished work actually has 29) depicting among other things the Spaniards' discovery of the Bay, the building of the missions, the overland migrations, the fire of 1906, such national figures of the Bay region as Luther Burbank and Bret Harte, "and so on," according to a 1942 interview with Refregier by Alfred Frankenstein, art critic of the San Francisco **Chronicle.** The "and so on" proved also to be a part of the history of the Bay area, but somewhat less glorious—for example, the Mooney-Billings Case and the persecution of the Chinese.

THE TIN HORNS: As Refregier proceeded with his work there came rumblings from patriotic societies and from Washington itself. In the fall of 1947 the storm broke. The artist completed a large portrait of Franklin D. Roosevelt (dead two years). The portrait was rejected by Underwood on the ground that the government does "not advocate portraits of prominent persons in a mural of this character" (Burbank and Robert Louis Stevenson were already in).

Early in 1948 Refregier finished a panel portraying a memorial service for the dead in the bloody waterfront strike of 1934. One figure had an overseas cap with the emblem of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The VFW raised the roof; the emblem was removed. Also removed from another panel, on orders from Washington, was the figure of Tom Paine.

THE "EARS": A minor controversy, which produced a number of suppressed smiles, arose over what came to be known as the "Ears Panel." Against a symbolic UN backdrop Refregier presented a group of people around a table. One of the figures, said critic Frankenstein, resembles Underwood. That in itself is not unusual, he added: artists through history have included their friends and enemies in their work. But, viewed close up, he noted, the mural might indicate that the head of the figure—against the UN crescents—was sprouting the ears of a jackass. Refregier vehemently denied that such was his intent.

But throughout the patriotic rumblings and the press "exposés" the murals have remained, highly praised by artists and art groups, including the San Francisco Art Society.

JUST WAIT: In July, 1949, the GUARDIAN learned, Vice President Richard Nixon (then Congressman) wrote to Charles E. Plant, a VFW post commander in Hill Valley, Calif.:

> I wish to thank you for your letter inquiring as to whether anything can be done about the removal of communist art in your Federal Building. . . . As you suggested, I discussed the matter with Congressman [George A.] Dondero of Illinois, but we agreed that it would be impossible to obtain the removal of such art as long as the present administration remains in power.
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> At such time as we have a change in administration and in the majority in Congress I believe a committee of Congress should make a thorough investigation of this type of art in all government buildings with a view of obtaining removal of all that is found inconsistent with American ideals and principles.

IT'S ALL RED: In January, 1953, a new administration took over and Rep. Dondero became chairman of the House Committee on Public Works, which supervises government buildings. The St. Louis **Post Dispatch** (3/29/53) described Dondero as

> . . . long a critic of modern art, of modern artists and American museums, all linked by him with communism in his speeches before the House.

On March 5 Rep. Hubert B. Scudder (R-Calif.), a Sebastopol real estate dealer, introduced a bill, HR 211, which would order the U.S. Administrator of General Services

> . . . to take such action as may be necessary for the prompt removal of the mural paintings on the lobby walls of the Rincon Annex Post Office Bldg.

In the **Congressional Record** (March 5) Scudder explained:

> The murals contain subtle ridicule of characters who are supposed to represent the American people. [They] are an insult to the state . . . to the intelligence . . . and anti-American in motif.

FERGIT IT! Federated Press correspondent John B. Stone called on Scudder for some detail. Here's what he said:

> "What if all this [the Refregier murals] was a part of American history? We want to forget it. . . . And the race business, why bring that up? We fought a civil war over that once. Let's forget it. . . . Probably it's true the Catholic missions rounded up the Indians and made them build the missions whether they liked it or not. . . ."

There were many organizations backing him up, he said, among them the American Legion, the VFW, Daughters of the American Revolution and the Grand Parlor of the Sons of the Golden West. Walter F. Postel, a member of the Parlor's Americanism Committee, had this to say:

> "One [panel] is in reference to the 'Four Freedoms.' The head of the family there shown wears a red tie, while the boy reads a large red-covered book. The predominating color in the panels is red. These murals are definitely subversive."

NEVER SAID IT: As to the quality of the adverse criticism, critic Frankenstein declared:

> "The majority of the people who have gone on record as opposing and denouncing the murals and calling for their destruction have never bothered to look at them."

Most of those who have looked are unalterably opposed to the destruction. The national convention of Artists Equity, meeting in St. Louis last month, called on "everyone interested in American culture to take steps to cause the defeat" of HR 211. The Natl. Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions joined the fight, asked that letters be written to Rep. Dondero (House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C.) urging his committee not to report the bill out.

A CREDO: Of his own work Refregier said:

> "There are those who would like to erase some regrettable parts of our historic heritage with a big historic lie. In my insistence on dealing with history honestly, I could not omit such historic facts as the persecution of the Chinese or the Mooney-Billings Case. I knew I would step on some tender toes, particularly in those quarters which never raise a voice against the overwhelming emphasis in our present day culture permeated with brutality, mysticism, a negation of life, a degradation of man.
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> **"Had I painted the murals when I won the competition, in the calmer days of the Roosevelt administration, there would have been much less fuss, and the only question would have been—did I, as an artist, perform the job well?"**

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